The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on September 24, 2019 in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Kathy Lawson presiding. Other Council Members present included Chad Martin, Jennifer Bowles, Jim Woods and Danny Turner. Staff present included City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager/City Attorney Eric Monday, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Finance Director Linda Conover, Assistant Police Chief Rob Fincher, and Property Inspector Mark Price.

Following the Pledge to the American Flag and invocation by Council Member Bowles, Lawson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

<u>Consider approval of the minutes from the September 10, 2019 Council Meeting</u> – Council Member Turner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Woods seconded the motion with all Council voting in favor.

Hear an overview of the September 23, 2019 Druid Hills/Uptown neighborhood tour and meeting – City Manager Towarnicki summarized the neighborhood tour of the Druid Hills and Uptown area where properties and concerns were discussed. Towarnicki detailed concerns expressed by residents who attended the neighborhood meeting held at New College Institute and the action being taken to research and resolve those concerns.

Read a Proclamation recognizing October 10, 2019 as Disability Rights and Resource Center Awareness Day – Carol Tuning and Linda Albright, representatives for the Disability Rights and Resource Center were present. Council Member Woods read the proclamation which was presented to Tuning and Albright. Tuning thanked Council for the recognition and shared details on upcoming events. Tuning providing a contact number for any residents needing assistance. Albright shared details related to the assistance provided by the DRRC.



PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 10, 2019 AS DISABILITY RIGHTS AND RESOURCE CENTER AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, in 1988, Congress declared the month of October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month to recognize the contributions made by individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990, establishing a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing opportunities for full participation and inclusion in community life; and,

WHEREAS, the entire West Piedmont Planning District are committed to breaking down barriers, and providing resources, advocacy and training for residents who live with a disability so that they can access employment, live independently and achieve success in the work place; and

WHEREAS, the importance of inclusion and diversity creates opportunity for growth and improvement and helps toward building a stronger economy for our communities; and

WHEREAS, our residents with disabilities deserve the right to live independently, enjoy self-determination and be treated equally; and

WHEREAS, during this month, the Disability Rights and Resource Center is celebrating 5 years of service to the Piedmont area:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Lawson, Mayor of the City of Martinsville, along with Martinsville City Council members, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2019, as "Disability Rights and Resource Center Awareness Day".

Kathy Lawson, Mayor

Consider presentation of a proclamation recognizing October 2019 as Domestic Violence

Awareness Month – Vice Mayor Martin read the proclamation that was presented to Jeanne

Hodges, representative from Southside Survivors Response Center. Hodges thanked Council

for the proclamation and their support. Hodges shared details for events and fundraisers being

held in October and invited Council to attend. Hodges recognized a local resident who was

recently a victim of domestic violence and asked for a moment of silence for her family.



PROCLAMATION

MONTH OF OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a critical issue that is distressing the citizens of Martinsville on a daily basis. Domestic violence is not confined to any group of people but occurs across all socioeconomic and racial boundaries; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, psychological, and economic abuse; and

WHEREAS, one out of three American women and one out of four men will experience domestic violence at some point in their life; and

WHEREAS, children from violent homes are more likely to be involved in violent criminal activity in the future than their non-abused peers; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, enables survivors to share their stories of triumph over adversity. Southside Survivor Response Center will provide presentations, awareness activities and trainings in the community throughout the month of October.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by Southside Survivor Response Center and for the empowerment of domestic violence survivors everywhere, I, Kathy Lawson, Mayor, hereby proclaim the month of October, 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Martinsville.

Kathy Lawson Mayor

Consider approval of transfer of property at 537 & 539 Dillard Street through action of the Martinsville Land Bank Authority - Council Member Bowles made a motion to recess City Council; Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor. Authority Member Turner made a motion to convene as the Land Bank Authority; Vice Chairperson Martin seconded the motion with all members in favor. City Attorney Monday explained the purpose behind the land bank option and acknowledged Building Inspector Kris Bridges for his work on this project. Monday explained that Ms. Millner has offered to purchase the properties on Dillard Street; this purchase will cover all delinquencies and costs associated with them through the Land Bank Authority listing. Authority Member Bowles made a motion to approve the transfer of property at 537 and 539 Dillard Street and the retention of the \$7,500 purchase in a fund for the Land Bank. Vice Chairperson Martin seconded the motion with the following roll call vote: Authority Member Turner, aye; Authority Member Bowles, aye; Chairperson Lawson, aye; Vice Chairperson Martin, aye; and Authority Member Woods, aye. Authority Member Woods made the motion to close the Land Bank Authority session; the motion was seconded by Authority Member Bowles with all Authority Members voting in favor. Council Member Turner made a motion to reconvene as City Council; Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion with the following roll call vote: Vice Mayor

Martin, aye; Council Member Turner, aye; Council Member Woods, aye; Mayor Lawson, aye; and Council Member Bowles, aye.

Consider setting a public hearing for Council's October 8, 2019 meeting regarding a planned Community Development Block Grant application for the Pine Hall Road area – City Manager Towarnicki detailed the Block Grant application procedure noting the application submitted earlier in the year was not approved. The new public hearing is to begin the process of submitting a new application. Council Member Woods made a motion to set the public hearing for October 8, 2019; Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion with all Council voting in favor.

Consider adoption on second reading, Ordinance 2019-6 amending Chapter 18 "Solid Waste" of the Martinsville City Code to generally limit City garbage collection to waste generated on site only – City Attorney Monday briefly summarized the reason for the ordinance. Council Member Turner made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-6 as presented on second reading; Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion with the following roll call vote: Mayor Lawson, aye; Council Member Turner, aye; Council Member Bowles, aye; Vice Mayor Martin, aye; and Council Member Woods, aye.

CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA ORDINANCE No. 2019-6 DISPOSAL OF REFUSE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in Regular Session held on September 24, 2019, that Section 18-18 of the City Code is hereby amended to read as Sec. 18-18. - Collection generally. (a) All refuse shall be collected by the city at regular intervals no less frequently than once per week. All refuse shall be collected by the city at regular intervals no less frequently than once per week. It shall be the duty of every owner, lessee or occupant having one or more large-volume dumpsters to see that such dumpsters are accessible for emptying. It shall be the duty of every other owner, lessee or occupant to place or cause to be placed his refuse container, or fully closed and tied plastic garbage bags containing refuse, at the side of the curb line of the premises, at a location accessible to the collection crews, unless such owner, lessee or occupant has been exempted from the requirement of curbside placement by the director of public works under the provisions of this section. Bulky rubbish, such as paper, cardboard or wooden boxes, may be flattened and tied in bundles with heavy, stout cord, such bundles not to exceed thirty-six (36) inches in length or breadth, twenty (20) inches in height and fifty (50) pounds in weight. (b) It shall be unlawful for any nonresident of the city, or any owner or occupant of a property situated within the city limits, or any agent of either, to bring refuse of any kind from outside the city into the city, or from another collection site located within the city, and deposit it anywhere in the city for collection by the city or its agent. (c) It shall be unlawful to transfer refuse generated at one site in the city to another site in the city for collection, without the prior written approval of the Director of Public Works. $(b \ \underline{d})$ The director of public works may excuse any owner, lessee or occupant of any residential premises in the city from the duty of placing his refuse at the curb line for collection, if the director finds, from the written statements of a medical doctor, that such owner, lessee or occupant is physically or medically unable to place the refuse at the curb line. (Ord. of 8-24-82, §§ 8-10, 8-11) Charter reference— Authority of city to collect and dispose of garbage and other waste, Ch. 1, § 2(19). Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

Consider approval on first reading, Ordinance 2019-7 establishing a new Tourism Zone in the City of Martinsville – City Attorney Monday explained that there are tourism zones around

the state and the primary reason to establish a tourism zone in Martinsville includes incentives like GAP Financing. Funding related to tourism zones has been beneficial to restoration of several larger Virginia Cities. This ordinance expands the Enterprise Zone citywide. Council Member Turner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-7 as presented on first reading; Council Member Bowles seconded the motion with the following roll call vote: Council Member Bowles, aye; Mayor Lawson, aye; Council Member Turner, aye; Vice Mayor Martin, aye; and Council Member Woods, aye.

CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA ORDINANCE NO. 2019-7

TOURISM ZONE CREATED

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in Regular Session held on October 8, 2019, that Article IX of Chapter 2 of the City Code be renumbered as Article X, and that sections 2-136 through 1-139 of Chapter 2 of the City Code, currently reserved, be and hereby are amended to add a new Article IX, to read as follows:

Article IX - TOURISM ZONE

2-136. Purpose.

The Martinsville City Council finds that in order to promote the continued development and success of the city it is appropriate to designate the city as a Tourism Zone as authorized by Section 58.1-3851 of the Code of Virginia. City Council believes the establishment of a Tourism Zone will improve the economic conditions within the city and benefit the welfare of the citizens Zone will improve the economic contains winnin the city and oberit the weitzer of the citizens of Martinsville, by providing a gap financing mechanism as authorized by Section 58.2-385.1 of the Code of Virginia for those qualifying tourism development projects identified as critical and which address specific critical tourism infrastructure deficiencies under criteria to be established by the city council in conjunction with satisfying all other requirements of Section 58.1-385.1 of the Virginia Code.

The administrator of the city's Tourism Zone shall be the city manager or the city manager's designee. The administrator shall determine the procedures for obtaining the benefits created by this chapter and for the administration of this chapter, and shall develop criteria and guidelines for the level of investment required for any particular range of tax incentive or regulatory flexibility. The City Manager is authorized to negotiate performance agreements with potential new or expanded businesses. The City Council shall have final approval authority for performance agreements.

2-138. Eligibility requirements.

A. Economic incentives and regulatory flexibility may be made available to any new or expanded business, which seeks to attract customers in the Martinsville region. The business must commit to a performance agreement based upon investment, jobs, revenues, or other significant criteria. Examples of eligible business include retail trade establishments, eating establishments, museums, bed and breakfasts, hotels, theaters, cultural art centers, health clubs/fitness centers, conference centers, commercial parking garages, and commercial recreation facilities.

- Qualified projects may be eligible for incentives as determined by the Tourism Zone Administrator, subject to the approval of City Council, and for gap financing as provided in Section 58.1–385.11 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.
 Economic incentives may be provided for up to 10 years through the performance agreement. In the case of multi-year incentives, the business shall establish its qualification for the incentives on an annual basis.

2-139. Boundaries.

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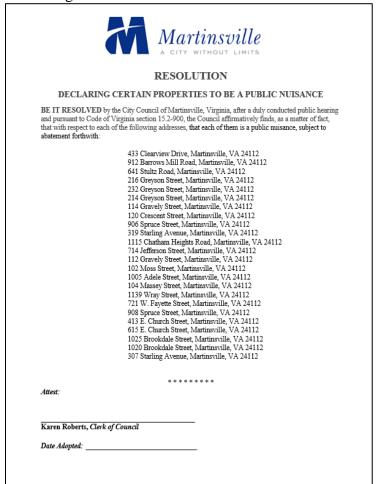
The boundaries of the Tourism Zone established by this chapter shall include the entire city.

2-140 through 2-145. Reserved.

Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

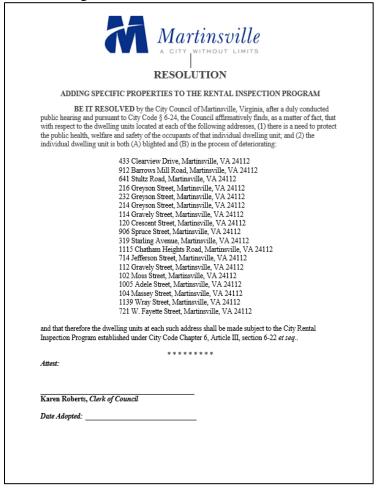
Conduct a public hearing for the purpose of considering a list of properties to be declared a public nuisance - City Attorney Monday and Building Inspector Mark Price presented a PowerPoint detailing properties referenced in this resolution along with the repeat complaints involving trash, tall grass, drug activity, condemned properties, etc. Mayor Lawson opened the public hearing. Billy Bennett of 190 Douglas Road and owner of many of the properties listed, said he was unaware of most of the property concerns prior to seeing the announcement in the local paper. He requests that City officials contact him anytime there are concerns with his properties and he will be happy to resolve those issues. City Attorney Monday confirmed that the notice was listed in the Martinsville Bulletin and notices were mailed to the property owner's address on file. Melvin Smith of 614 East Church Street said the image of his property was during repairs and it looked worse than it does now. He is having trouble finding qualified contractors to finish the work. Smith asked how many complaints are required to qualify a property as a nuisance. Monday explained that the City Council can declare any

property of concern a nuisance but the homes in question have all received multiple complaints. Inspector Price explained the property maintenance process and time frame including posting the notices to the property prior to reporting the request for maintenance to Public Works. Smith said he is in the process of repairing his home and does not believe it should be considered a nuisance. Joseph Ray, 908 Spruce Street says being a father of six children and entrepreneur in the City has its challenges. The vehicles in question at his property were operable but waiting to be tagged for a medical transport company. His food truck business failed but he is repairing that equipment to provide a service and jobs for the community. He has adhered to every notice he was served, most with time to spare before the deadline. He continues to upgrade the property as money and time allows. He sees law abiding, hardworking citizens being bullied by the City and he does not approve. No one else approached the podium so Mayor Lawson closed the public hearing. City Attorney Monday clarified that the City does not have the resources or the desire to confiscate anyone's property. The properties are on the list because of repeat resident complaints. It is Council's pleasure whether to acknowledge these properties as a public nuisance or not. If the taxpayers of the City continue to pay to have nuisance properties cleaned up, then liens are placed on the property and if not paid, then the property could be subject to a delinquent property tax sale. Mayor Lawson requested that the resolution be amended to remove 908 Spruce and 615 East Church with the understanding that a deadline will be set to correct the issues. Council Member Bowles made a motion to adopt the Resolution as amended; Council Member Woods seconded the motion with the following roll call vote: Vice Mayor Martin, aye; Council Member Woods, aye; Council Member Turner, aye; Council Member Bowles, aye; and Mayor Lawson, aye. City Manager Towarnicki explained the bulk trash option for residential customers excluding remodeling debris. There is also a monthly brush pickup option. Residents can call those numbers or the public works department with any questions.



Conduct a public hearing regarding approval of a list of properties to be made subject to the Rental Inspection Program – City Attorney Monday explained this program would include the properties discussed in the previous agenda item. A year ago, Council adopted a Rental Inspection Program; this resolution will add those properties to the Rental Inspection Program. Mayor Lawson opened the public hearing. Billy Bennett explained that many of the properties in question belong to him. He is ok with the rental inspection program but requests that staff contact him directly instead of going through to the residents or tenants. Mayor Lawson closed the hearing. Council Member Turner made a motion to adopt the Resolution adding properties to the Rental Inspection Program; Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion with the following roll call vote: Council Member Turner, aye; Vice Mayor Martin, aye; Council Member Woods, aye; Council Member Bowles, aye; and Mayor Lawson, aye.

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<u>Consider approval of consent agenda</u> – Council Member Woods made the motion to approve the consent agenda and the Re-appropriations FY19 into FY20 as presented; Council Member Bowles seconded the motion with all Council voting in favor.

		BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 9/24/19				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION DEBIT		CREDIT		
BUDGET ADDIT	TIONS					
FY2019						
General Fund:						
01101918	443106	Grants - State - VDEM - SWVA Incident Mgmt Team				
01322106	505500	SWVA Incident Mgmt Team - Travel/Training	2,865			
		Reimbursement from Commonwealth				
Total General	Fund:		2,865	2,865		
FY2020						
General Fund:						
01101918	443106	Grants - State - VDEM - SWVA Incident Mgmt Team		16,712		
01322106	505500	SWVA Incident Mgmt Team - Travel/Training 1,934				
01322106	506100	SWVA Incident Mgmt Team - Miscellaneous Exp	14,778			
		Reimbursement from Commonwealth				
01102926	436410	Categorical Federal - Bulletproof Vest Grant		1,395		
01311085	506126	Police Dept - Body Armor/Tactical Vests	1,395			
		Vest Grant				
Total General Fund:			18,107	18,107		
School Operat	ing Fund:					
18103919	489904	Donations/Contributions/Gifts		47,863		
71001210	563000	Purchased Services	39,780			
71001210	565400	Leases & Rentals	500			
71001210	565503	Travel	1,030			
71001210	565800	Miscellaneous	3,978			
71001210	566000	Materials & Supplies	2,575			
		Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth Grant				
Total School Fu	und:		47,863	47,863		

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ORG CODE	OBJECT	DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	DE	BIT	CREDIT	
GENERAL FUND							
01103938	462101	5 1 0 10 10	Contribution From Fund Balance			\$ 553,223	
01122022	502815	Employee Services/Dev/Recog	Wellness	\$	5,000		continuing program
01124042	503500	Treasurer	Printing/Binding	\$	2,775		incomplete projects
01126055	503320	Info Services	Maint. Service Contracts	\$	15,000		continuing program
01217078	506047	Sheriff - Courts	Project Life Saver	\$	3,115		rollover of prior years' appropriated donations
01221082	506105	Commonwealth's Attorney	State - Confiscated Assets	\$	8,083		forfeiture funds - carry-over
01221082	506118	Commonwealth's Attorney	Local - Confiscated Assets	\$	715		forfeiture funds - carry-over
01311085	506078	Police	State - Confiscated Assets	\$	58,832		forfeiture funds - carry-over
01311085	506079	Police	Federal - Confiscated Assets		124,048		forfeiture funds - carry-over
01311085	506118	Police	Local - Confiscated Assets	\$	39,032		forfeiture funds - carry-over
01311085	506139	Police	E-Summons Equipment	\$	48,724		dedicated e-summons funding (unexp 39,031.48+receipts 9,691.95)
01321102	506110	Fire	Fire Programs	\$	6,479		grant funding
01321102	506130	Fire	Maintenance for Burn Building	\$	3,270		ongoing project - funded through reimbursements
01322105	506114	EMS	Four for Life	\$	9,793		grant funding
01331108	506010	Sheriff - Corrections	Radios & Weapons	\$	6,970		continuing program
01331108	506011	Sheriff - Corrections	Uniforms & Vests	\$	8,700		continuing program
01334122	506133	Safety	Siren Supplies	\$	6,656		incomplete projects - repairs
01341135	506300	Inspections	Demolition	\$	11,400		continuing program to clean-up more properties
01413145	503185	Street Maintenance	Prof.Service-Street Resurfacing		108,471		continuing program - paving
01812242	503600	Misc Exp	Grant Program-Misc Business Dev	\$	86,160		ongoing program for local small businesses
		-		-			
REFUSE FUND				-			
09103938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance			\$ 40,079	
09425302	508220	Landfill	Physical Plant Expansion	\$	40,079		continuing project - ISTD project - funded over 3 yrs - FY18, FY19, FY
WATER FUND							
12103938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance			\$ 48,764	
12541311	508220	Water Plant	Physical Plant Expansion	\$	48,764		incomplete project
SEWER FUND							
13103938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance			\$ 310,736	
13550325	503191	Wastewater Plant	Prof. Services - Contractors	\$	75,036		incomplete project - electrical upgrade @ sewer plant
13550325	508201	Wastewater Plant	Machinery & Equipment	\$ 2	235,700		incomplete project - sludge press multi-year project
14103938 14564339 14561336 14561336	462101 508205 508220 506009	Electric Construction Electric Generation Electric Generation	Contribution From Fund Balance Motor Vehicles/Equipment Physical Plant Expansion Dam Repairs		95,000 100,000 9,600	\$ 674,100	incomplete project - truck replacement continuing project - major dam repairs incomplete project - dam projects
14563338	508236	Electric Maintenance	SCADA System	\$	19,500		incomplete project - upgrade of SCADA system
14564339	508230	Electric Maintenance	Physical Plant Expansion		150,000		multi-year project - transformer replacement
14304333	300220	Electric Construction	Priysical Plant Expansion	, 4	+50,000		muti-year project - transformer replacement
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16103938	462101		Contribution From Fund Balance			\$ 149,285	
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16575365	508120	Vehicles	Senior Services	\$	8,000		incomplete project - mini-van
16576366	508055	Computer Software/Hardware	Information Services	\$	33,310		continuation/replacement hardware
16577367	508080	Physical Plant Expansion	Fire Dept	\$	40,965		incomplete project - station updating
16579369	508209	School Projects Reserve	School Projects	\$	67,010		funding reserved for school capital projects
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47835526	503195	Northside Program Income	Construction/Maintenance	\$	2,944		accumulated program income
47835526	506100	Northside Program Income	Misc Expense related to rentals	\$	12,156		accumulated program income
47827516	503195	Cherry St Program Income	Construction/Maintenance	\$	4,649		accumulated program income
						44	
OTAL CITY FU	JNDS:					\$1,795,936	
CHOOL FUNDS							
18100938	410510		Ops/Contrib from Fund Balance			\$ 159,233	
71001300	561120	VTSS	Instructional S&W	\$	3,350		VTSS/PBIS Grant Balance
71001300	562100	VTSS	Social Security	\$	206		
71001300	562150	VTSS	Medicare FICA	\$	49		
71001300	56300	VTSS	Purchased Services	\$	15,532		
71001300	565503	VTSS	Travel	\$	4,704		
	566000	VTSS	Materials & Supplies	\$	837		
	566020	Support Staff	Textbooks	\$	76,998		Harvest Grant Balance
71001300		Support Staff	Textbooks	\$	51,332		Harvest Grant Balance
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Finance Director Linda Conover summarized the Capital Lease Bid report and requests Council's approval for a 5-year payback to BB&T with 2.12% interest rate. Council Member

Woods made the motion to approve acceptance of BB&T's bid as presented; Council Member Bowles seconded the motion with all Council voting in favor.

	R	esults of Bank Bio	ls for Capita	l Lease Financin	g
Bank	5 Yr Int Rate	installments	7 Yr Int Rate	installments	Additional info
Blue Ridge Bank	3.50%	10 @ \$155,148.27	3.75%	14 @ \$115,682.77	no penalty for prepay
Brenda Peters					
BB & T	2.12%	10 @ \$148,937.05	2.19%	14 @ \$108,894.04	1% prepayment premium or
Rusty Akers					principal balance will be non-callable
					for the 1st half of term
Skyline National Bank	3.16%	10 @ \$153,357.55	3.35%	14 @ \$113,788.32	Tax Exempt & Bank Qualified
Scott Griffin	4.00%		4.25%		Taxable & non-bank Qualified
American National	No bid - they would only do a G.O.				
William Kirby					
Carter Bank & Trust Acted like they were going to bid, but I received nothing					
Dawn DeHart					

<u>Business from the Floor</u> - Melvin Smith, 614 East Church Street expressed concern about low water pressure in his neighborhood. He is unable to install a water filter due to the low pressure and asked if there is anything that can be done to increase the pressure in that area. City Manager Towarnicki said that water pressure is gravity fed and unfortunately, there is not good pressure in that area. Towarnicki also said older plumbing can affect the pressure coming into the house but will ask Water Resources to check that for him.

<u>Comments by Members of City Council</u> – Council Member Turner discussed options for the Rives Theater to help raise money by the community to support the arts and the restoration of the burned business. Vice Mayor Martin recognized Krispy Kutz barbers who took time from their day to do haircuts, benefitting over 100 people. Mayor Lawson shared that October 11 the United States Air Force Heritage American Band will perform at First Baptist Church at 7pm. Lawson also shared details about the Martinsville OctoberFest and Hazardous Waste Collection Day in October.

<u>Comments by City Manager</u> – City Manager Towarnicki congratulated Piedmont Community Services for the grand opening of a group home on Independence Drive and another soon to open on Tank Street. Towarnicki offered condolences to the family of Seth Kanode, a longtime employee of the City.

There being no further business, Council Member Bowles made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Council Member Turner with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Karen Roberts	Kathy Lawson	
Clerk of Council	Mayor	